THE SECRET TO FRIED CHICKEN IS DOUBLE-FRYING IT IN OIL AT 180°C.
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WHILE YOU'RE FRYING IT, TURN IT OVER SO IT TOUCHES THE AIR AND IT'LL GET SOFT AND JUICY.
♪
...I STILL THINK FRIED CHICKEN IS THE BEST!
I'M HAPPY TO EAT BAKED CHICKEN THESE DAYS, BUT...

COOK IT IN THE OIL FOR A MINUTE AND A HALF.
THEN PUT IT IN A TRAY AND LET IT SIT FOR 4 MINUTES.
HUH, THAT QUICK?
...IS IT REALLY COOKED ALL THE WAY THROUGH...?
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MAYBE JUST A BIT LONGER...
KAITO SURE IS LATE...
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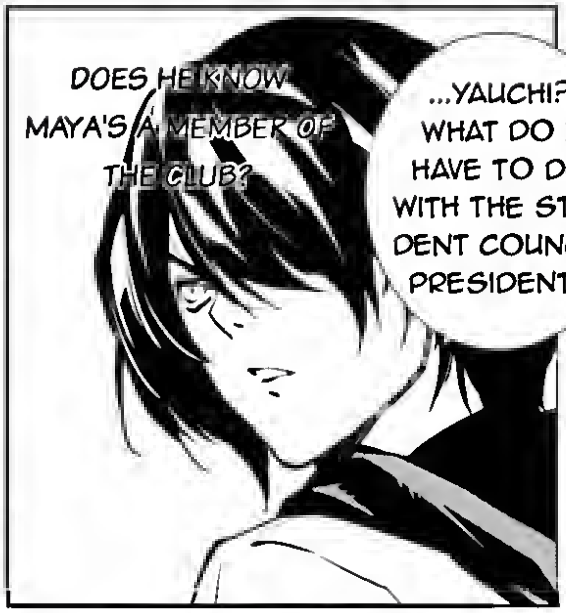
AQUABRIDGE PRIVATE SCHOOL - SORCERY CLUB ROOM

STOP RIGHT THERE, TENDO!
I WANT YOU TO RELEASE PRESIDENT YAUCHI!
BLONDIE FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL...?
WHAT DO YOU WANT?

DON'T PLAY DUMB!


DOES HE KNOW MAYA'S A MEMBER OF THE CLUB?
...YAUCHI? WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO WITH THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT?

I KNOW YOU'VE DRAGGED HER INTO YOUR WEIRD CLUB ACTIVITIES.
STOP ENDANGERING THOSE AROUND YOU JUST FOR YOUR OWN AMUSEMENT!!

DISBAND YOUR CLUB!
IF YOU DO THAT, EVERYTHING CAN BE SETTLED AMICABLY.
I DON'T UNDER-STAND...

WHAT HAS SET YOU SO AGAINST THE SORCERY CLUB?
IF YOU GET IN THE WAY OF MY PLAN...
I'LL KILL EVERY LAST PERSON IN THIS ENTIRE SCHOOL!!

IT'S ONLY NATU-RAL!
.....
YOU GO AROUND MAKING UP STORIES ABOUT MAGIC...
...WHEN ALL YOU WANT IS TO MAKE YOUR BORING SELF SEEM SPECIAL!!
...THAT ONLY EXISTS FOR YOUR OWN SELF-SATISFACTION?!
HOW CAN I APPROVE OF A CLUB...

ARE THOSE TRULY YOUR OWN WORDS?
?!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN...?
WELL, IT'S JUST THAT...
THERE ARE MANY DESPICABLE PEOPLE WHO USE "COMMON SENSE"...
...ONLY AS A STEPPING STONE FROM WHICH TO LOOK DOWN ON OTHERS.
?
.....
BLONDIE...
I'M...

...SEEKING A NEW "TRUTH" THAT WILL UPEND THIS QUIETLY DECAYING WORLD.
IT'S NOT YET TAKEN SHAPE, SO IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO TAKE HOLD OF IT...
IF YOU WANT TO SNEER AND CALL THAT FICTION, GO AHEAD...
HOWEVER...
...?

I HAVE NO INTENTION TO STOP MY QUEST!
NO MATTER WHAT!
WAIT, LISTEN TO ME...!

HE WAS AN ECCENTRIC WHO BELIEVED HIMSELF TO BE A SAMURAI.
HEH.
...BUT...
!
RECENTLY, I MET SOME-ONE...
...INTOLER-ABLY PROUD, JUST LIKE YOU.
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HE HAD THE COURAGE TO CARRY OUT HIS CONVIC-TIONS.
HE WAS SOMEONE WORTHY OF RESPECT.
NO, FORGET I SAID ANYTHING.
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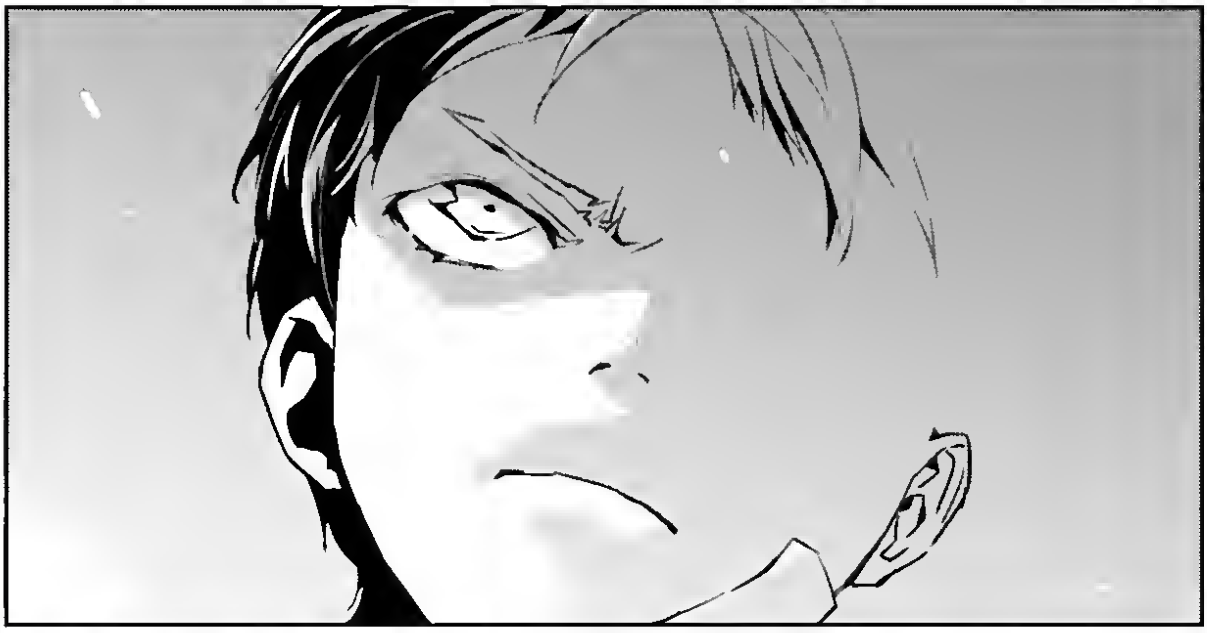
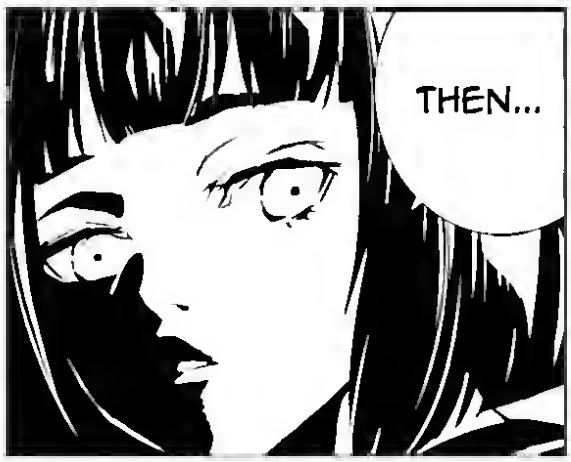


COURAGE...
CONVICTIONS...

TCH, NO GOOD, HUH...
NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, IRIS'S SKIN ISN'T MAN-MADE.
WE'VE CHECKED THE IMAGE, THE SOUND, THE TEM-PERATURE, THE DEN-SITY, THE CHEMI-CALS...

...MAYBE SHE'S...
...NOT AN...
...hIE...
THERE'S NO WAY IT'S ANY-THING OTHER THAN A LIVING EPIDERMIS FROM A HU-MAN BODY.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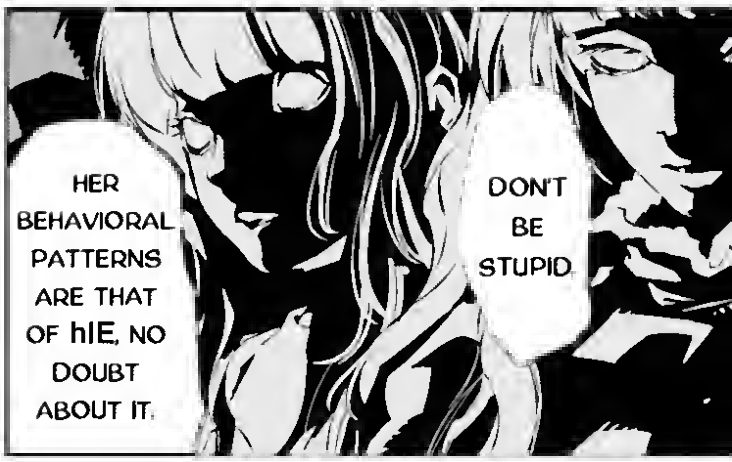
HER BEHAVIORAL PATTERNS ARE THAT OF hIE, NO DOUBT ABOUT IT.
DON'T BE STUPID.

...LIVING HUMAN SKIN AND ORGANS!
THIS MEANS IRIS IS AN HIE PUT TOGETHER FROM...

AN ORGANIZATION ABLE TO MAKE AND OPERATE THIS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS...
THE SUPPLY COMPANIES ARE ALL UNDER IAIA AUTHORITY.
...
...WOULD HAVE TO BE VERY BIG...
KEHEHE...
KEHEHE-HEHE....
THIS IS GETTING INTERESTING! THAT DOLL...!
SHE'S MORE THAN WE EVER COULD'VE IMAGINED!!
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN WAIT FOR A SOIREE!!
...WHAT WILL WE DO?
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS, PARTNER?

...RIGHT AT THEIR SCHOOL!!
WE'LL HOLD OUR OWN PARTY...
!

?
.....
WHOA, PARTNER...
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT THAT AKARI GIRL?
...YEAH.
YOU'VE GOT NO PROBLEM WITH THAT, RIGHT?
I'LL MAKE SURE TO KEEP HER OUT OF IT.
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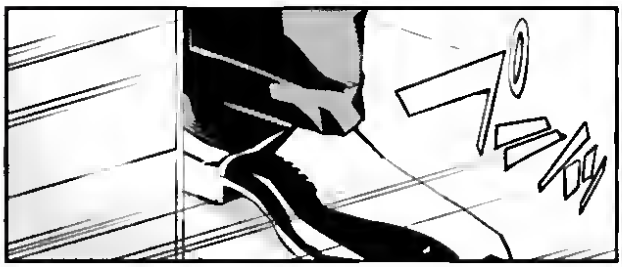
ALL RIGHT.

I'D BETTER GET HER OUT OF THE WAY QUICKLY...
...I WAS RIGHT. THAT GIRL'S TROUBLE.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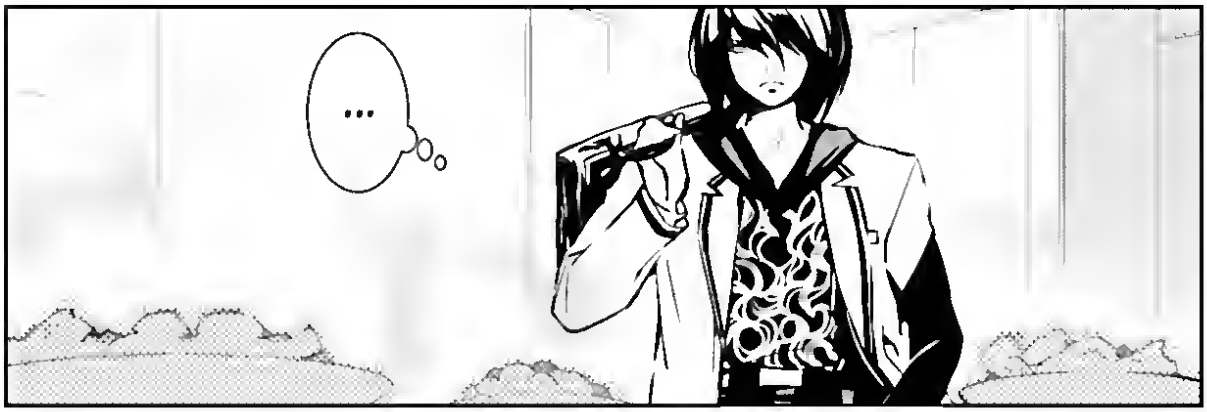
WELCOME HOME!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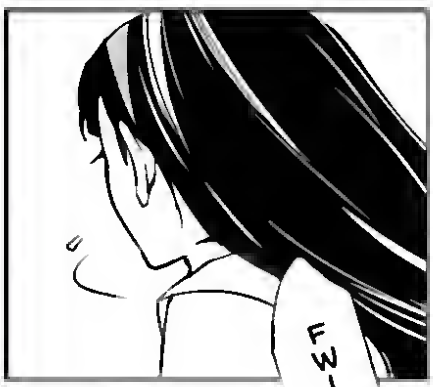
AH...
KAITO!

I MADE FRIED CHICKEN...
IT'S YOUR FAVOR-ITE...
SO...COULD WE...
...HAVE DINNER...

AH...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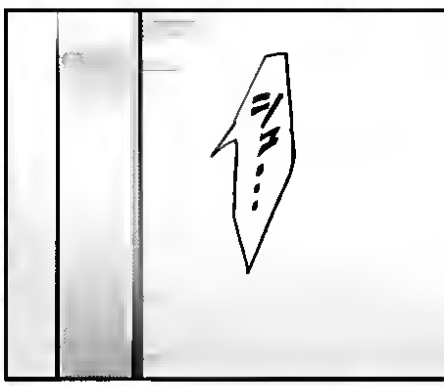
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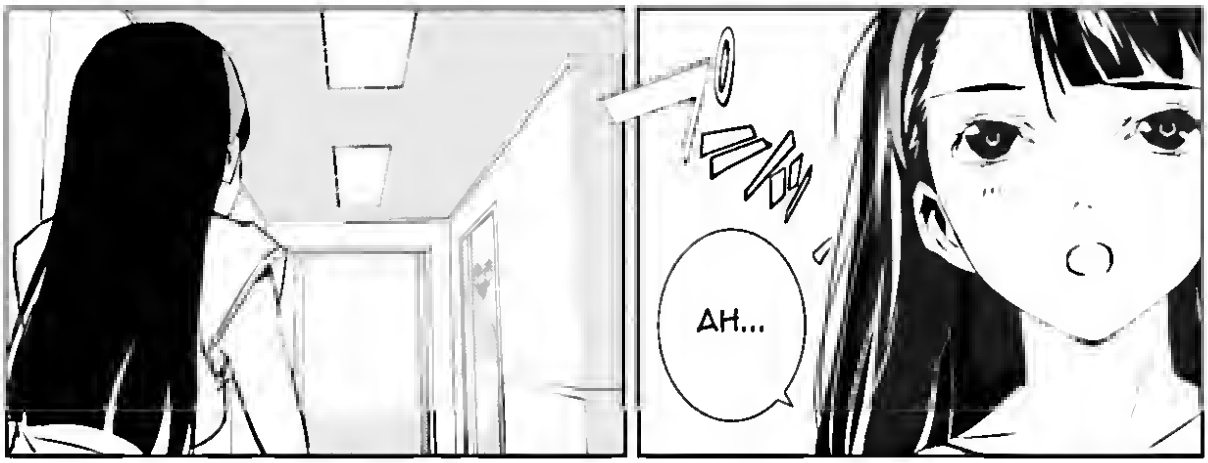
SORRY, BUT...
I BOUGHT BREAD ON MY WAY HOME.


AH...

AND ANYWAY ...
AT LEAST HE TALKED TO ME...
THAT'S PROGRESS, I GUESS.
WELL...

THERE'S NO WAY HE WOULD'VE WANTED...
TO EAT FRIED CHICKEN THIS BURNT.
HAHA... HA...
...I'LL TRY HARDER NEXT TIME.
LILY'S DOLL IS APPROACHING KAITOS HOME. WHAT IS ITS OBJECTIVE?